

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A fitted sheet, comprising:

a top rectangular fabric portion (12) having at least four edges;

at least two side rectangular fabric portions (14, 20) including a first side rectangular fabric portion (14) and a second side rectangular fabric portion (20), each of said at least two side rectangular fabric portions including a first edge, a second edge and a third edge, said first edge of said at least two side rectangular fabric portions being common with a corresponding one of said at least four edges, said second edge of said first side rectangular fabric portion (14) being common with said second edge of said second side rectangular fabric portion (20);

~~at least one~~ a plurality of triangular fabric portions (22, 24, 26, 28) each including a first edge, a second edge and a third edge, ~~said first edge~~ said at least one plurality of triangular fabric portions (22, 24, 26, 28) including a first triangular fabric portion (22) having said first edge (36) being joined to a portion of said third edge of said first rectangular fabric portion (14) and said second edge (38) of said ~~at least one~~ first triangular fabric portion (22) being joined to a portion of said third edge of said second rectangular fabric portion (20), said top rectangular fabric portion (12) and said at least two side rectangular fabric portions being integral, said at least two side rectangular fabric portions are four side rectangular fabric portions additionally including a third side rectangular fabric portion and a fourth side rectangular fabric portion, said top rectangular fabric portion (12), said first side rectangular fabric portion (14), said second side rectangular fabric portion (20), said third side rectangular fabric portion (16) and said fourth side rectangular fabric portion (18) being integral and being cut from one continuous fabric, said plurality of triangular fabric portions (22, 24, 26, 28) each being a non-equilateral triangle having a corner angle between said first edge (36) and said second edge (38), one of said first edge (36)

and said second edge (38) being substantially longer than the other of said first and said second edge, said corner angle being greater than approximately 70° and less than or equal to

25 approximately 90°; and

a fabric turn-under portion (30) generally running along at least a portion of one side of each of said four side rectangular fabric portions, said one continuous fabric being a rectangular piece of fabric sized according to a size of a mattress, said rectangular piece of fabric having a length and a width, said length calculated to be approximately equal to a length of said mattress plus twice a height of said mattress plus twice a width of said turn-under portion (30), said width of said rectangular piece of fabric being calculated as approximately equal to a width of said mattress plus twice a height of said mattress plus twice a width of said turn-under portion (30), said rectangular piece of fabric having a square removed from each corner, said square having a length of a side equal to said height of said mattress plus said width of said turn-under portion minus a seam allowance, said first edge (36) of said triangular fabric portion (22) having a length of between approximately 22% and approximately 32% of said width of said top rectangular piece of fabric (12), said second edge of said triangular fabric portion having a length of between approximately 22% and approximately 32% of said length of said top rectangular piece of fabric (12).

2-6. (cancelled)

7. (original) The fitted sheet of claim 1, wherein said third edge of said at least one triangular fabric portion is a bias cut edge finished with an anti-fraying stitch.

8. (canceled)

9. (original) A fitted sheet for a variable thickness mattress, comprising:

a top rectangular fabric portion (12) having at least four edges;

at least two side rectangular fabric portions (14, 20) including a first side rectangular

5 fabric portion (14) and a second side rectangular fabric portion (20), each of said at least two side rectangular fabric portions including a first edge, a second edge and a third edge, said first edge of said at least two side rectangular fabric portions being common with a corresponding one of said at least four edges, said second edge of said first side rectangular fabric portion being common with said second edge of said second side rectangular fabric portion; and

10 at least one triangular fabric portion including a first edge (36), a second edge (38) and a third edge (40), said first edge (36) of said at least one triangular fabric portion being joined to a portion of said third edge of said first rectangular fabric portion (14) and said second edge (38) of said at least one triangular fabric portion being joined to a portion of said third edge of said second rectangular fabric portion (20), at least one said triangular fabric portion including an  
15 opening configured to accommodate a hose connection to a mattress.

10. (original) The fitted sheet of claim 9, wherein said top rectangular fabric portion 12 and said at least two side rectangular fabric portions are integral.

11. (original) The fitted sheet of claim 10, wherein said at least two side rectangular fabric portions are four side rectangular fabric portions additionally including a third side rectangular fabric portion and a fourth side rectangular fabric portion, said top rectangular fabric

portion, said first side rectangular fabric portion, said second side rectangular fabric portion, said  
5 third side rectangular fabric portion and said fourth side rectangular fabric portion being integral  
and being cut from one continuous fabric.

12. (original) The fitted sheet of claim 11, further comprising a fabric turn-under portion  
generally running along at least a portion of one side of each of said four side rectangular fabric  
portions.

13. (original) The fitted sheet of claim 11, wherein said one continuous fabric is a  
rectangular piece of fabric sized according to a size of the variable thickness mattress, said  
rectangular piece of fabric having a length and a width, said length calculated to be  
approximately equal to a length of the variable thickness mattress plus twice the inflated height  
5 of the variable thickness mattress plus twice a width of said turn-under portion, said width of said  
rectangular piece of fabric being calculated as approximately equal to a width of the variable  
thickness mattress plus twice a height of the variable thickness mattress plus twice a width of  
said turn-under portion, said rectangular piece of fabric having a square removed from each  
corner, said square having a length of a side equal to said height of the variable thickness  
10 mattress plus said width of said turn-under portion minus a seam allowance.

14. (original) The fitted sheet of claim 13, wherein said first edge of said triangular  
fabric portion having a length of between approximately 22% and approximately 32% of said  
width of said rectangular piece of fabric, said second edge of said triangular fabric portion having  
a length of between approximately 22% and approximately 32% of said length of said

5 rectangular piece of fabric.

15. (original) The fitted sheet of claim 9, wherein said third edge of said at least one triangular fabric portion is a bias cut edge finished with an anti-fraying stitch.

16. (original) The fitted sheet of claim 9, wherein said triangular fabric portion includes a corner angle between said first edge of said triangular fabric portion and said second edge of said triangular fabric portion, said corner angle being greater than approximately 70° and less than approximately 90°.

17 – 20. (cancelled)